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FREMONT MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO LAUNDERING MONEY FROM SALE OF STOLEN COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Case involves more than \$6 million in stolen servers, routers, and other components

SAN JOSE - A Fremont man faces up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty earlier this week to charges stemming from his role in a scheme to launder millions of dollars from the sale of stolen Cisco and Sun Microsystems computer equipment. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the REACT Task Force in San Jose.

Travis Toole, 32, pleaded guilty Monday to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. Toole admitted that, during a three-month period beginning in August 2003, he conspired to launder the proceeds from the sale of computer equipment shipped out of state with three other defendants, Yan Ebyarm, Jesse Soria, and Anthony Daniel. Toole estimated the stolen computer equipment was worth approximately \$1.5 million and that proceeds from the sale exceeded \$500,000. Toole's sentencing is set for February 13 before United States District Court Judge James Ware.

Another defendant in the case, Yan Ebyam, 28, was sentenced Monday to 30 months in prison for his role in the scheme. In a plea agreement, the Hillsborough man admitted that, over a four-month period beginning in September 2003, he conspired to launder the proceeds from the sale of stolen Cisco routers and Sun Microsystems valued at more than \$6 million. The court also ordered Ebyam to forfeit more than \$480,000 in funds and a Cadillac Escalade.

The two other defendants in the case have already pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing. Anthony Daniel, 35, and Jesse Soria, 32, both of Fremont, are scheduled to be sentenced October 3 before Judge Ware.

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